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1. In mid-June 1952, the Neptun Shipyard received about 20 carloads of cement and wire netting of a type used in concrete buildings. The personnel at the shipyard thought that air raid shelters would be built.
2. Ships repaired at the Neptun Shipyard included the following:
 - a. Submarine Tender Waldemar Kochamel, which had shipyard designation No B 8. It was completely overhauled. Her aft section was taken off for separate repair and was reassembled in early July. Compartments and cabins were rearranged. Work on the ship was done in two shifts. The date of delivery was not yet fixed.
 - b. S.S. Kura, which on 19 May had left port for an unidentified destination and returned in mid-June because of trouble with her gyrocompass. She completed a successful shakedown run during the period from 12 to 15 June and again left port at night on 7 July.
 - c. Refrigerator III, which underwent thorough outboard repair in dry dock on her underwater parts and left dry dock on 25 June. On 11 July she flew the naval ensign and carried Soviet navy personnel. Only holders of special permits were allowed to board the vessel. She was equipped with a degaussing device recognizable by a sheathed cable padding around the ship about half way between the waterline and the deck. Her tonnage was estimated at about 4,000 GRT.
 - d. Peolent, which was undergoing general overhaul including a refitting of her propulsion plant. Work on the ship was usually done in two shifts of 40 men each and sometimes in three shifts.

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